

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A financial management system including:
presentation means for presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value in respect of a pre-determined period of time, a target value being a proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic proportional in dimension to the value represented;
the graphics are associated with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is graphically represented to the user;
the system further including manipulation means for manipulating at least one of the graphics by adjusting the dimension of the graphic; and
modifying means for modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the graphic and the graphic may be manipulated by being moved.
4. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including creation means for creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
5. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including means for generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
6. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including means for storing the financial information.
7. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 further including means for substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.

8. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the means for presenting the financial information can represent the financial information wholly numerically.
9. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the planned value is a budget and the system further includes means for generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
10. (Original) A financial management system according to claim 9 further including means for associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
11. (Previously Presented) A financial management system according to claim 9 further including means for generating icons representing the time period over which a budget is to extend.
12. (Previously Presented) A method of managing financial information including the steps of:
presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value a proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic;
proportional in dimension to the value represented;
associating the graphics with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is graphically represented to the user;
manipulating at least one of the graphics by adjusting the dimension of the graphic; and
modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the

graphic and the step of manipulating the graphic includes the step of moving the graphic.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of storing the financial information.
18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.
19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further including the step of representing the financial information wholly numerically.
20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the planned value is a budget and further including the step of generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
21. (Original) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of generating icons representing a time period over which the budget is to extend.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A computer implemented system for monitoring financial information, comprising:

storage means storing data including a full period planned amount, a project planned amount for each of at least one project, and a project actual amount for each of said at least one project at selectable times in a report period;

presentation means presenting a graphical representation of said data, said graphical representation of data including:

a report period graphic representing a report period timeline;

a period to date planned line alignable with a selected time on said report period graphic;

a project planned line for each of said at least one project juxtaposed with said report period graphic, said project planned line including a period to date actual bar graph having a length indicating a time to which said project actual amount is planned relative to said report period graphic.

26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said bar graph length indicating a time to which said project actual amount is planned relative to said report period graphic is equal to said project actual amount divided by said project planned amount for a corresponding project multiplied by a length of said report period graphic.

27. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said period to date planned line intersects said project planned line(s).

28. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

a total period to date bar graph juxtaposed with said report period graphic, said total period to date bar graph having a length indicating a time to which said a total period to date

amount is planned relative to said report period graphic, said total period to date amount being a sum of said project actual amounts.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said total period to date bar graph length indicating a time to which said total period to date amount is planned relative to said report period graphic is equal to said total period to date amount divided by said full period planned amount multiplied by a length of said report period graphic.

30. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said project planned line(s) include:

a full period bar graph having a height in proportion to an amount allocated to a corresponding project;

said system further comprising: manipulation means allowing a user to change said amount by changing said height.

31. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

an icon associated with said planned line, said icon indicating a project to which said plan is applied.

32. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said report period graphic includes a post report period graphic indicating a time beyond said report period.

33. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said project planned line further comprises:
a variance indicator bar graph scaled relative to variance between said project actual amount and said a project planned amount at a selected time in said period.

34. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said graphical representation of data further includes a liquid tank graphic having a liquid level representing an unspent grant amount and target line indicating a grant amount spent to date.

35. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising means for creating a budget plan including said full period planned amount, said project planned amount for each of at least one project, and said project actual amount for each of said at least one project at selectable times in a report period.

36. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

computer means for transferring at least one of said project planned lines from an existing report to a new report.

37. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said graphical representation further comprises a graphical alert displayed when a combined project planned amounts exceed a grant amount.

38. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising computer means for moving a graphic representing an invoice into said project planned lines and for automatically changing said project planned line in response to said moving of said graphic.

39. (New) A computer implemented method for monitoring financial information, comprising:

storing data including a full period planned amount, a project planned amount for each of at least one project, and a project actual amount for each of said at least one project at selectable times in a report period; and

presenting a graphical representation of said data, said graphical representation of data including:

a report period graphic representing a report period timeline;

a period to date planned line alignable with a selected time on said report period graphic;

a project planned line for each of said at least one project juxtaposed with said report period graphic, said project planned line including a period to date actual bar graph having a length indicating a time to which said project actual amount is planned relative to said report period graphic.

Joseph P. Quinn (Reg. No. 45,029)
Customer No. 71130
Attorney for Applicant(s)
SEYFARTH SHAW LLP
World Trade Center East
Two Seaport Lane, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02210
Tel: 617-946-4833
Fax: 617 946-4801
E-mail: bosippto@seyfarth.com